

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
127 EAST OAK STREET  
JUNEAU, WI 53039  
OCTOBER 27, 2014**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on October 27, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Bill Muche, Larry Bischoff, and Bill Foley.

**Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present:** Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; Josh Odekirk, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist; Mike Burg and Laurie Koeck, USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services – Waupun; Dan Heim, Wisconsin DNR.

**Others Present:** Ruth Johnson, Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Commissioner; Kathy Rydquist, Fox Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING:** Motion by Bischoff to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Foley to approve the minutes of September 22, 2014 as sent by mail; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:** Ruth Johnson spoke to the committee regarding the need to do more with regard to expanding the use of conservation buffers in Dodge County. Kathy Rydquist shared her concerns regarding the effectiveness of the Livestock Siting Law in the protection of water quality.

**AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS:** Josh Odekirk introduced himself as the new District Conservationist with the USDA-NRCS Field Office in Juneau, and reported on significant work activities and issues for the past month.

**REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES:** The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW AND REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS:** Motion by Macheel to approve signing new and revised conservation plans; seconded by Foley. Motion carried.

**WILDLIFE CROP DAMAGE PROGRAM – CONSIDER 2014 PROGRAM CROP PRICES AND CONSIDER 2015 PROGRAM BUDGET:** Mike Burg introduced himself as the new Dodge County wildlife crop damage specialist with USDA-APHIS in Waupun. The committee reviewed proposed prices for crop damage claim payments under the 2014 Wildlife Crop Damage Program in Dodge County. Motion by Muche to approve the 2014 crop prices for Dodge County as proposed; seconded by Macheel. Motion carried. The committee reviewed the proposed 2015 Dodge County Wildlife Crop Damage Program budget. Motion by Adelmeyer to approve the 2015 Dodge County Wildlife Crop Damage Program budget as proposed; seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER EXPANDED USE OF VEGETATED BUFFERS IN DODGE COUNTY** – Marc Bethke shared a two-page summary of information and potential issues related to creating and implementing a conservation buffer ordinance for Dodge County. After discussion, Marc was directed to have John Corey review Brown County's conservation buffer ordinance to obtain his opinion on possible issues related to implementation of a similar ordinance in Dodge County. Marc will also attempt to have a GIS analysis and map prepared showing the location of high impact "feeder" streams and ditches where water quality could be benefited from the installation of conservation buffers.

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM: CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE UPDATE, AND CONSIDER ACTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:** The committee reviewed a list of 10 participants of the Farmland Preservation Program who have not yet certified conservation compliance for 2014. The next step in the process would be to send each of these participants a letter warning them of a notice of noncompliance for failing to certify. Motion by Nelson to send to each Farmland Preservation Program participant who has not yet certified conservation compliance for 2014 a certified letter warning them that a notice of noncompliance will be issued if they fail to certify compliance; seconded by Macheel. Motion carried. One Farmland Preservation Program participant has failed to pay his \$25 annual service fee payment. Similar to last year, there will be one more contact made to collect the fee, and if unsuccessful, there will be no further attempts. One Farmland Preservation Program Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance was presented for committee consideration. Motion by Mucbe to authorize the Chair to sign the Farmland Preservation Program Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance for Donald Lee, Town of Elba; seconded by Foley. Motion carried.

**LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE REPORT:** Marc Bethke reported on cost share agreements signed and cost share payments disbursed from January 1, 2014 through October 27, 2014 under the Land & Water Resource Management cost share program.

**COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MONTHLY REPORT: SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS AND OTHER ISSUES:** Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:** Bill Foley reported that the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association has been approved for a \$6,000 grant from the DNR for fish stocking in Beaver Dam Lake. The lake association will also be reopening its walleye hatchery in spring of 2015. Dale Macheel reported that the Fox Lake Inland Lake District has hired a contractor to perform the day-to-day work of operating the district's waste water treatment system. The lake district is also working with the Town of Fox Lake to improve the process for issuing permits under the Livestock Siting Law. Ed Nelson reported that he had attended the October 15, 2014 meeting of the Dodge County Lakes Group where Denny Caneff of the Wisconsin Rivers Alliance spoke to the group on the best ways to advocate for change in water quality protection policy. Bill Mucbe attended the Southern Area Land & Water Conservation Association Fall Meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and reported that the Dodge County Board resolution that calls for state action on the issues with liquid manure was shared, and a motion was passed by the area association to draft a similar area resolution for consideration at the state conference of the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association next March.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There was no correspondence to share at this meeting.

**PER DIEMS:** Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Muche to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:

Dale Macheel – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meeting on October 9, 2014 – per diem and 22 miles

Bill Muche – Southern Area Land & Water Conservation Association meeting on October 22, 2014 – per diem and regular miles to Juneau.

Ed Nelson – Dodge County Lakes Group meeting on October 15, 2014 in Beaver Dam – per diem and 22 miles.

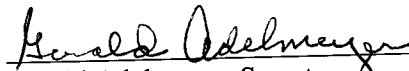
Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Muche to adjourn at 10:10 AM; seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.



Ed Nelson, Chair



Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

## LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

### (BILLS)

WI Land & Water Conservation Association -	
Fall County Conservationist Meeting =	\$ 70.00
Rebecca Schuett - Land & Water Cost Sharing =	<u>\$ 770.00</u>
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 840.00</b>

### (REVENUE)

Seventeen (17) FPP Service Fee Payments =	\$ 425.00
Eight (8) FPP Late Certification Penalty Payments =	\$ 400.00
Three (3) FPP Late Payment Penalty Fee Payments =	\$ 150.00
DNR - First half 2014 Wildlife Crop Damages	
Program Expense Reimbursements =	\$ 12,643.66
One Landowner - Manure Storage Ordinance Permit Fee =	\$ 750.00
One Small Packet Tree Sales Order =	<u>\$ 189.57</u>
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 14,558.23</b>

## **OCTOBER 2014 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT**

### **SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:**

- Spoke with two Lake Emily property owners concern with runoff from farming operations on watershed cropland located in both Dodge and Green Lake Counties
- Processed late conservation compliance reports and service fee payments received from Farmland Preservation Program participants - continue to pursue other participants that are still delinquent with reports and payments
- Attended Fall County Conservationists meeting in Wisconsin Rapids on October 2-3, 2014
- Worked with employees to prioritize projects and commit remaining Land & Water Resource Management cost share funding in 2014 – prepared additional cost share agreements
- With help of John Haase at the Highway Department, set up on-line auction listing to sell one of the 2001 Chevrolet S-10 pickup trucks
- Attended Southern Area Land & Water Conservation Association Fall Meeting in Fitchburg on October 22, 2014 – presented Dodge County's resolution regarding liquid manure – the association voted to forward a similar resolution to the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association in March, 2015
- Attended supervisor training in Oconomowoc on October 23, 2014